

*The State of New Hampshire*  
*By His Excellency*  
*Christopher T. Sununu, Governor*  
*And The Honorable Executive Council*

*A Commendation*

In the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Seventeen

**LAKES REGION EMERGENCY FIRST RESPONDERS  
AND NH ELECTRICAL COOPERATIVE**

*WHEREAS*, on March 14, 2017 a severe winter storm struck the State of New Hampshire and caused widespread damage that left 143,988 individuals without power, caused hundreds of traffic accidents, and cost Carroll County as a whole over \$1.8 million in damage; and

*WHEREAS*, emergency responders in the Lakes Region were operating under extremely dangerous conditions including rapid snow fall rates, strong winds and wind gusts, quickly changing conditions, low to no visibility and falling debris; and

*WHEREAS*, throughout the towns of Moultonborough, Wolfeboro, and Tuftonboro, approximately 18 inches of snow fell causing major delays, property damage, power outages and damage to the regions electrical infrastructure; and

*WHEREAS*, the unwavering dedication of the first responders in the Lakes Region helped to minimize the damage to these communities, and with the help of the New Hampshire Electrical Cooperative and the aid they received from 75 mutual crews helped to restore power as quickly as possible to the region; and

*WHEREAS*, braving life-threatening conditions as several essential services were unavailable, and some emergency response teams were delayed by over four hours, these brave men and women put their lives on the line in order to help the people of the Lakes Region during this winter storm emergency;

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHRISTOPHER T. SUNUNU, GOVERNOR* of the State of New Hampshire, do hereby commend **THE LAKES REGION EMERGENCY FIRST RESPONDERS AND THE NH ELECTRICAL COOPERATIVE** for their willingness and dedication to helping the citizens of the State of New Hampshire during this storm and thank you for your service to your communities.

Given during Executive Council session, this 19<sup>th</sup> day of July, in the year of Our Lord, two thousand seventeen, and of the independence of the United States of America, two hundred forty.



*Christopher T. Sununu*  
Christopher T. Sununu, Governor

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